



**Energy and Technology Committee
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In Support of:

Proposed Bill 6000: An Act Creating Green Jobs

Connecticut Fund for the Environment ("CFE") is a non-profit environmental organization with over 6,500 members statewide. For more than twenty-five years, CFE has used law, science and education protect and preserve Connecticut's natural resources.

CFE supports Proposed Bill 6000, An Act Concerning Green Jobs. This legislation would establish a long-term program for the state's sustained investment in clean energy, energy efficiency, public transportation and transit-oriented development. It would also create the physical and human resource infrastructure necessary to ensure that Connecticut is positioned to be a leader in the creation and development of green manufacturing jobs in the state.

While this bill is still in concept form, it is a much needed step. Connecticut's investment in energy efficiency and renewable energy must be based on a long-term vision of the where the state wants to go in the future. The green economy is where the most job growth will be and where the most innovative and cutting edge applications for technology and manufacturing will be developed. If Connecticut wants to retain and attract young people to its workforce, it must be seen as a leader in creating green jobs of all sorts. Workers at all educational and skill level will be needed, from those doing solar installations and energy audits of homes and businesses to those with advanced degrees in engineering, math and the physical sciences.

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